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1. The sample, which consisted of six tablets, was packed in thick paper with a Russian label reading as follows:

> "Ministry of Health of the USSR Office of Medical Industry 6 tablets of Codeine with soda Leningrad Chemical and Pharmaceutical Factory No.

Dosage: 1 tablet 2-3 times a day

Composition

Codeine Soda bicarbonate

0.015 g.

0.25 g.

Series No. 750"

- Analysis has revealed the following: 2.
 - a. 0.0148 grams of codeine as a free base monohydrate per tablet. This represents a shortage of 1.3% under the declared codeine content of 0.015 grams per tablet.
 - b. 0.258 grams of sodium bicarbonate per tablet. This represents an excess of 3.2% over the declared content of 0.25 grams per tablet of sodium bicarbonate.
 - c. The tablets appeared to be well made.
 - d. The packaging is decidedly inferior to American practice and affords scant protection of its contents from moisture or mechanical damage.

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